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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 27, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for reply that was set to expire on August 27, 2008, which period has been extended one month to expire on September 27, 2008, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, however, since September 27th was a Saturday, the extension deadline becomes September 29, 2008, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment with the accompanying Remarks. Reconsideration of the application in view of this response is respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Listing and Amendment of the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.